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THE NEW TERM

Here's a health to the boys who have left us!
May the memory linger long
Of the years that sped and the friends they made
Amid the school-boy throng;
And may each leave a name behind him
Unsullied, beloved, renowned;
May they always find Dame Fortune kind,
At home or on foreign ground.

Here's a welcome to those who have joined us!
May they prove good comrades all,
Worthy of those whose place they take
At desk, in field, in hall.
May they keep in good fellowship ever
Honour's unwritten rule,
And join with us and the boys who are gone
In a cheer for the good old School.

EDITORIAL

The beginning of the Christmas term is always the time when most changes take place in the school, and the present term is no exception to the rule.

First, there are some notable outward improvements; the grass is coming up rapidly on the big football field, but as it will not be ready for some months, we are playing on the side of the cricket-ground, where new goal-posts have been put up for the seniors. The remainder, intermediates and juniors, have a smaller field with the old goal-posts. Then there is a new building over the well, which houses two new pumps, worked by an electric motor. On the side next the cricket pitch is a verandah which will be used for scoring at cricket matches.

But it is not only in the grounds that a great change will be noticed. The large room formerly called the playroom has been cleared out, and the walls lined with over 80 commodious lockers for the use of the boarders. Near the back gate a new barn has been built to accommodate our live stock, two cows and a horse. The school tuckshop is doing a roaring trade every day of the week except Sunday.

The fitting out of the gymnasium is now practically complete; the parallel bars and vaulting-horse were put up in the holidays, while Mr. Harvey brought from England a horizontal bar, climbing ropes and rings, besides a complete outfit for the boxing and fencing classes which have already begun. Rifle racks take up one end wall, while the miniature range is in full use, having proper markers' shelters and butts.

In the dining-hall, above the high table, have been placed two "Honour" boards, bearing, in gold letters on black, the name of the head-boy of each year, and the names of those who have won examination honours while at the school.

But perhaps the greatest change in a way is the disappearance of some of the old familiar faces from our midst. While we were all sorry to lose Mr. Yates, we offer a very hearty welcome to Mr. T. G. Thomas, B. A., Oxford, whom Mr. Harvey brought out from England to take Mr. Yates's place.

We shall miss many of the boys who have gone, especially the faces of Bowser, the two Bell-Irvings, Shildrick, the Corsans, Price, and other pillars of the school on the field and in school. The number of new boys, however, is quite phenomenal, totalling not far short of thirty, which brings the school list well up to the century mark.

SCHOOL NOTES

The following new boys joined us this term:—

- D. H. Mackay, Form IV. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- H. S. Emanuels, Form IV. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- K. A. Creery, Form IV. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- R. Crawford, Form IV. (day-boy), from Medicine Hat.
- N. Lockyer, Form IV. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- J. Cooper, Form IV. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- M. Roe, Form IV. (boarder), from Union Bay, B. C.
- K. Macdonald, Form IV. (boarder), from Rossland (Collegiate School).
- K. Gordon, Form IV. (boarder), from Winnipeg.
- A. Thorsen, Form IV. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- S. N. Kavanagh, Form IV. (boarder), from Winnipeg.
- L. Stockett, Form III. (boarder), from Nanaimo.
- D. Stanley, Form III. (boarder), from Honolulu.
- E. R. Jackson, Form III. (boarder), from Duncan's (Corrig College).
- J. Coburn, Form II. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- C. S. Rickards, Form II. (boarder), from Calgary.
- R. C. Greer, Form II. (boarder), from Vancouver, B. C.
- N. Le Maistre, Form I. (boarder), from Victoria.
- F. B. Rattenbury, Form I. (boarder), from Victoria.
- V. G. Barton, Form I. (day-boy), from Victoria.
- C. Rand, Form I. (day-boy), from New Westminster.
- A. Taylor, Form I. (day-boy), from Victoria.
- I. Henderson, Form I. (boarder), from Vernon.
- L. Young, Form I. (day-boy), from Victoria.
- A. Trorey, Form II. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- C. Whitehead, Form II. (boarder), from Vancouver.
- J. C. Fennell, Form II. (day-boy), from Nelson.

The following also returned after an absence of a term or more:—

- D. Mackinnon, W. Bealey, H. Winch (all boarders).

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The following boys won their removes this term:—

Into Form V.: Spencer, McGuigan, Rand i., Bailey i., Ambery, Sutherland, Irwin.

Into Form IV.: Leslie, Potts, Decker i., Decker ii., Bailey iii., McAnally.

Into Form III.—Munday, Green, Whittome, Cave, Worsfold, Chipman, Challoner, Henderson i.

Into Form II.: Musgrave, May, Holms, Maher i., McClintock.

There was a bright lad who said, "Hark!"
 "I perceive a strange shape in the dark!"
 Brought his rifle to bear,
 Called out, "Halt, who goes there?"
 But the dog's countersign was a bark!

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The school now contains the Amateur Diving Champion of British Columbia, in the person of W. F. Bealey, who won this title last August from eighteen other contestants; an old boy, Tom Taylor, finished a close second.

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F. L. Baker won the tennis singles under 17 at the Vancouver tournament.

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There was a small scout who said, "See!"
 "Two very queer birds up a tree!"
 When asked, "Are they small?"
 He replied, "Not at all;
 "But they'll have to surrender to ME."

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The number of boys who came back to school late this term was unusually large. Mr. Barnacle and Mr. Harvey think that two or three weeks' extra shooting and fishing are a poor substitute for French Grammar and the Pons Asinorum.

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The following have been chosen Prefects this term:—
 S. P. McGuigan, S. Rich, J. E. Mathews and G. E. Ambery.

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In his best "down-town" garments arrayed
 To the range his first visit he paid;
 When the disc he espied
 On the outer, he cried,
 "Oh, look! What a big hole I made!"

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"Halley's comet has arrived!" said the village the other day, and with one accord they took cover. But it was only No. 503 going for the mail.

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The following songs have been unavoidably postponed till next concert:—

"Daddy, dear Daddy"..... A. Wyld.
 "I Fear No Foe" T. Matson.
 "Asleep in the Deep" N. Le Maistre.
 "The Diver" W. Bealey.
 "Jack's the Boy" (duet) Tatlow i. and Decker i.
 "Home to Our Mountain" H. Poole.

Said the captain, "This really must stop;
"You are marching all over the shop!"
But what could you expect?
'Twas the after effect
Of about seven gallons of pop!

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The following paragraph from the Colonist, under the heading of "Births," will interest our readers:

CULLIN.—At Victoria, B. C., on Friday, October 15, the wife of Capt. H. J. Rous Cullin, Bursar of the University School, of a daughter.

The staff beg to offer their heartiest congratulations.

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The first of our winter concerts took place on Saturday, October 16th, and went off very well. Mr. Sparks and Captain Cullin contributed to the success of the evening with their usual generosity; Mr. Thomas gave us "Out on the Deep"; and Mr. Barnacle "The Midshipmite," while Mr. Harvey recited Kipling's new "Scouts' Song." Sergeant Adye repeated his fine performance with the swords, and followed it up with a display of club-swinging. Of the boys' contributions, the mandolin duet by Emanuels and Gordon was loudly applauded; Otter, Bailey i. and Winch gave some good recitations, and Aeneas Bell-Irving sang Mr. Harvey's song about the Old Boys' Football Match.

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Two English plays are being rehearsed for the Christmas prize-giving. They are, firstly, some scenes from Shakespeare's play, King Henry IV., including the characters of Falstaff and Prince Hal and his boon companions, and the other consists of a couple of scenes from Sheridan's "The Rivals," with Bob Acres and Sir Lucius O'Trigger.

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On Saturday, October 23rd, Mr. Harvey, accompanied by two prefects, Rich and Ambery, attended the funeral of Mr. J. W. Laing, M.A., late Head-Master of the Collegiate School.

LORD STRATHCONA'S VISIT

The second of September, 1909, is a date which will be long remembered by those of us who were fortunate enough to be present, as the occasion of the visit to this school of the "Grand Old Man" of Canada, Lord Strathcona.

Few men have done more for Canada than Lord Strathcona, or Sir Donald Smith, as he was called when he drove



LORD STRATHCONA'S VISIT TO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL.

the last spike which completed the C. P. Railway from sea to sea in 1886, and the School feels highly honoured by his visit.

We only regret that there were not more boys present. The cadet corps could only muster twenty-four capable of bearing—or rather presenting—arms, as it was only the second day of the term. However, they formed a sufficiently smart little guard of honour before the front door, while the remainder lined the drive.

Our guest drove up in an automobile, accompanied by his grandson and grand-daughter, and also by Messrs. C. C. Chipman of Winnipeg, and H. D. Helmcken, of Victoria. After being introduced to the Principals, he came forward and addressed the boys in a few manly and practical words of encouragement and advice. All labour, he reminded them, was honourable, and would bring its reward in the long run, and he urged them not to forget what a great inheritance we had in this Dominion, and what efforts we must make to do our duty to our country. He then went round the ranks and shook hands with every boy in the school, from Captain McGuigan to little Le Maistre.

On his departure he received three rousing cheers, none the less hearty because, in accordance with time-honored custom, he had asked Mr. Bolton to give the whole school a half-holiday.

SCHOOL SPORTS

On Tuesday, June 22nd, we held the first Sports on our new playing-fields, and they were most successful. The weather was fine and a special car brought out numbers of parents and friends, the total present being estimated at four hundred.

The Judges were Mr. Alexis Martin, Mr. George Jay and Mr. Sparks. Mr. Barnacle acted as Starter, Mr. Harvey as Clerk of the Course, and Mr. Yates as Time-Keeper, while the Stewards were T. Corsan, D. K. Irwin, S. N. Rich, J. H. Wilson and G. E. Ambery.

There were twenty-three events on the programme, six of which were decided on the day before, and everything went through without a hitch.

The open events of course rank first in importance, as on them depended the award of the silver challenge cup presented by C. C. Chipman, Esq., of Winnipeg. The results were:—

One Mile—First, M. Bell-Irving (5 mins. 21 4-5 secs.); second, Otter; third, Bailey i.

Half-mile—First, M. Bell-Irving (2 mins. 30 secs.); second, Bailey i.; third, Wilson.

Quarter-mile—First, Bowser (64 4-5 secs.); second, Bell-Irving; third, Shildrick.

220 yards—First, Bowser (26 4-5 secs.); second, Corsan ii.; third, Shildrick.

100 yards—First, Bowser (11 secs.); second, Corsan ii.; third Shildrick.

High jump—First, Bowser (4 ft. 10 1-2 in.); second, McGuigan; third, Shildrick.

Broad jump—First, Bowser (19 ft. 2 in.); second, McGuigan; third, Shildrick.

Bowser thus won the cup with very little trouble, and though the times on the flat are not good, owing to the heavy going on new grass, the broad jump constitutes a school record of which any school of our size would be proud.

The events for boys under 16 were as follows:—

Half-mile—First, Leslie; second, Otter; third, Potts. Won from scratch in 2 mins. 35 secs.

220 yards—First, Wyld (scratch, 26 secs.); second, Leslie (3 yards); third, Otter (3 yards).

100 yards—First, Wyld (12 2-5 secs.); second, Leslie.

High jump—First, Winch (4 ft. 8 in.); second, Price.

Broad jump—First, Price (17 ft. 1 in.); second, Wyld.

For boys under 15 there was a quarter-mile handicap. No time was taken for this. First, Wyld (scratch); second, Woodward ii. (10 yards); third, Walker (10 yards).

The results of the races for boys under 14 were as follows:—

100 yards—First, Winch (13 secs.); second, Woodward ii.; third, Chipman.

High jump—First, Winch (4 ft. 4 in.); second, Munday.

Broad jump—First, Winch (14 ft. 10 in.); second, Woodward ii.

There were two races for boys under 12:—

220 yards—First, Bell-Irving iv.; second, James.

100 yards—First, Bridgman (14 secs.); second, Challoner; third, Shaw ii.

The 75 yards' race for boys under 10 was won by Matson i., with Tatlow ii. second.

Besides these flat races, there was a Three-legged race, won by Winch and Tatlow i, throwing the cricket-ball, won by Rich (81 yards), with McGuigan second, and a Pick-a-back race, won by Young and Challoner. But perhaps the most popular, and certainly the most novel event of the day was the

Victoria Cross race. In this four boys in uniform with rifles and blank ammunition had to run a certain distance, firing five rounds at intervals, pick up a full-sized dummy figure, and run back to the starting-point. About twelve entered, and the winner was Bagshawe, with Potts second.

About half-way through the programme there was an interval for tea, which was served in the Gymnasium, and when the races were over, Mrs. G. H. Barnard presented the prizes, with a kindly and appropriate word to each of the winners. The Warden made a short speech, and the proceedings ended with three cheers for Mrs. Barnard. The prize-table presented a fine appearance, glittering with a goodly array of cups and other silver-ware, besides a host of the articles dear to the hearts of boys. For these we have to thank the parents, whose generosity contributed so much to the success of the day.

FOOTBALL NOTES

The football elections this term resulted in the choice of the following: Captain—S. P. McGuigan; Vice-Captain—S. Rich; Secretary—G. E. Ambery; Committee—Emanuel and Wyld.

A good card of matches has already been arranged for this term, as follows: Oct. 22, Victoria High School (home); Nov. 3, Collegiate Senior; Nov. 5, Victoria High School (away); Nov. 10, Central School, under 16; Nov. 12, Collegiate Senior; Nov. 20, Vancouver High School (home); Nov. 26, Collegiate, under 16; Dec. 8, Victoria High School.

The first match of the season was played on our ground on Friday, Oct. 22nd, against the Victoria High School.

Our team was as follows: Full back, Otter; three-quarters, McGuigan (capt.), Mackay, Macdonald, and Wyld; halves, Rich and Creery; forwards, Irwin, Emanuel, Thorsen, Ambery, Rand, F. Bailey, Kavanagh, and Leslie.

The High School played an attacking game all through, compelling our backs to relieve with long kicks into touch. This they were quite equal to, and presently our forwards began to get the ball out in very neat style. McGuigan secured and made a fine run very nearly to their line, and from the scrum Rich got over, but was called back. However, a moment later Creery repeated the performance on the other side of the scrum and touched down, Rich converting with a pretty kick. The High School backs showed good judgment in kicking and combined well in passing, but could not penetrate the home defence. A fumble by a University School back forced Otter over his own line, but the High School

could not take advantage of the error. Half-time arrived with no change in the score. In the second half the visitors had McGuigan well marked, and the play was very even. Otter played a cool, defensive game, and Mackay did some useful kicking. Our forwards packed and heeled well, but were slow in following up, except perhaps Irwin and Bailey, who worked hard. Just before the call of time the High School combination got the better of the defence, and finally secured a try close to the corner flag. The kick, an unusually difficult one, was splendidly taken by Touhy, thus equalising the score—5 points to 5.

CADET CORPS NEWS

As is usually the case, the summer holidays acted on the corps like a hot engagement, the losses including the commanding officer (W. J. Bowser), all the section-commanders, and nearly all the corporals. We have thus had to make a number of promotions to fill their places, as follows:

To be Acting Captain, pending his appointment from Ottawa, and to command the company: Corporal S. P. McGuigan.

To be Acting Lieutenant pending his appointment from Ottawa, and to command the left half-company: Corporal S. N. Rich.

To be Colour-Sergeant: Lance-Corpl. E. Rand.

To be Sergeants: Corpl. C. Bailey, Lance-Corpls. C. P. Otter and G. E. Ambery.

To be Corporals: Lance-Corpl. J. Rogers, Cadets J. E. Mathews, D. Bell-Irving and C. L. Spencer.

To be Lance-Corporals: Cadets L. Woodward, N. Bagshawe, F. Bailey and Bugler W. Bealey.

To be extra Lance-Corporals: Drummer J. Decker, Cadets V. R. Sutherland and A. Wyld.

To be Company Bugler: Cadet C. S. Rickards.

Scouts' badges have been awarded to the following: Corpl. Bell-Irving, Lance-Corpls. F. Bailey and A. Wyld, Cadets W. Decker and K. A. Creery.

Crossed rifles and star for the best shot in the company have been awarded to Corpl. Bell-Irving.

Conduct stripes for two years' service in the corps have been awarded to the following: Lance-Corpls. F. Bailey and J. Decker; Cadets W. Decker and H. Bailey.

As a result of the recent rifle match the Canadian Rifle League have sent second-class-marksman's certificates to Capt. W. J. Bowser, Sergeant M. Bell-Irving and Cadet D. Bell-Irving.

Further awards of scouts' badges will be made later, as their training proceeds. They have been receiving instruction in signalling, judging distance, using cover, map-reading, and obtaining information, and also have had some practices on out-post duty at night.

An inspection of lockers takes place every week, and the marks allotted are credited to the various sections with a view to awarding a prize for the smartest section.

Mr. Harvey brought back from England a quantity of accoutrements and badges, as well as shooting accessories, so that the corps now presents a very fine appearance. The numbers, moreover, have been considerably increased, there being now 16 men in each section, the corps totalling 70 of all ranks.

MUSKETRY INSTRUCTION

The result of the Canadian Rifle League match which terminated on June 19th last, only reached us a week ago. Our scores of 310, 406, 385 and 323, totalling 1424, gave us eighth place out of 16 teams competing from all over Canada. Six western teams all made scores lower than ours; while the winners were Harbord Coll. Institute of Toronto, with a score of 2,174. Capt. Bowser won the President's badge for the highest score of our team.

The miniature range of 30 yards in the Gymnasium is now in regular use, and we have received the annual issue of gallery ammunition. A definite course of musketry has been laid down, so that a certain standard at the miniature range qualifies a cadet to shoot at Clover Point. A standard is set for recruits at 200 and 500 yards, on passing which they take a series of classification practices. These include firing kneeling, also rapid firing and practice at moving and vanishing figure-targets. All these can also be practised in the Gymnasium, where we have the sub-target gun in use as well.

Mr. Harvey has brought from England a handsome cup as a trophy for the best shooting section in the company.

FIELD DAY

We celebrated Foundation Day, October 7th, the first anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of the school, on the next day, Friday, October 8th, by a field day which lasted until 2 p.m. The weather at first looked most unfavourable, and a start was not made until nearly ten o'clock. The company, 65 strong, under Capt. McGuigan and Mr. Harvey, marched up the Cedar Hill cross road towards the pumping station, which they were supposed to have had orders to capture, and cut off the water-supply of the city.

A mounted scout (Crawford), and an advanced guard under Corporal Mathews, led the way, and when nearing King's old farm, the scout galloped back to report signs of an imaginary enemy on the left. One of the advanced guard fired a shot, the captain gave a few words of command, and the company lined the fence, and poured a devastating volley into the bush.

The "enemy" promptly made off, and the advance proceeded more cautiously. Scouts were sent out to reconnoitre, and No. 1 section, with Sergeant-Major Rich, making a detour to the right, reached a good position commanding the enemy's works. No. 2 section, under Sergt. Rand, occupied the ridge just vacated by the enemy, while Lieut. Irwin found cover for the left-half-company to the south-east of the Hudson's Bay meadow.

No. 1 section now opened fire, under cover of which No. 2 came down from their heights and extended, crossing the open until they came to a dry ditch, of which they promptly took advantage. This enabled them to cover the advance of the left half company, who extended right across at the double, finally reinforcing No. 2 in their "entrenchments." The fire was now terrific for some moments, and then the final charge was made, the remnant of the supposed enemy being caught in a cross-fire on Reynolds Street and annihilated.

The company now re-formed on the road, and marched in triumph past the Pumping Station and down Quadra Street to "Cloverdale," where they were most kindly and hospitably received by Mr. John Tolmie and the Misses Tolmie, who regaled the hungry horde with tea and coffee, cakes and sandwiches, and soft drinks.

The company, though lacking experience in taking cover and in fire-discipline, were remarkably steady on the march, and the section-commanders deserve credit for their keenness and control of their men.

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION

The annual inspection of the cadet corps took place on Saturday, June 19th, the Inspecting Officer being Captain P. Elliston, R.C.G.A. Forty-four cadets paraded at 3.30 p.m. under Capt. W. J. Bowser, and the general salute, inspection of the ranks, and the march past, went off very satisfactorily. The company was put through a little drill by Mr. Harvey, and then we were taken out for some skirmishing in the fields west of the school.

The rear-guard of a retreating enemy was supposed to be holding the clump of trees on the front drive, from which we had to dislodge them. A plan was arranged by Mr. Harvey

and Sergeant Adye, and communicated to the section-commanders. The right half-company moved off across the golf-links and crawled up a dry ditch to the south of Goodacre's field, while the remainder moved by a more direct route. Presently the right half-company opened fire from the ditch, one section covering the other while crossing the fence, and an advance was made by rushes in extended order over the open meadow, ending in a charge up to the school fence. Captain Elliston made a few comments on the movement, which he said had been carried out too cautiously, and congratulated us on the smartness and proficiency shown by so new a corps. On returning to the parade-ground, several prizes were presented. Sergeant M. Bell-Irving received a gold badge for the best shot, and Capt. Bowser the silver badge for the second-best shot, while Corporal R. Bell-Irving was awarded a handsome book for the smartest cadet in the company.

The competition for Major Bennett's colours necessitated a second inspection, which came off on October 18th. This was unfortunate for us, for though we have now seventy on the roll, our new equipment had not arrived, and we were only able to muster forty-nine, twenty of whom were new boys. All the officers and N.C.O.'s, with one exception, were different from those of last term. The result on the whole was creditable considering the circumstances, but we could not hope to equal our performance of last June at this early stage of the new school year. The marching and ceremonial were particularly good, while the skirmishing was favourably commented on. The section-drill was not so good, but the general steadiness of the company, and their good appearance, must have told in their favour.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN

S. F. Sweeny ('02) passed sixth in all Canada into the Royal Military College last May.

Tom Taylor ('06) also succeeded in the same examination.

Tom Brown ('08) is studying at McGill University, Montreal.

Malcolm and Robin Bell-Irving are taking the Applied Science course at McGill College in Vancouver, having just passed in from this school, while Bowser is taking a partial course in Arts.

D. Shildrick is working in the New Westminster office of Messrs. Brackman and Ker.

Fred Foster ('07) has left St. Andrew's College, and his brother Matt has gone there.

R. Ker ('06) at Haileybury, England, has been promoted from Mathematical set 6 to set 2, missing three classes in the Middle school. He is captain of his House second fifteen at Rugby, and has played for the first fifteen. He is in the same house and class as Despard Pemberton ('06).

G. Miller ('06), who is at Ardingley School, England, has won the form prize in the Upper Fourth, being first in every subject in the examination.

VALETE, COMITES!

W. J. Bowser came to the school in 1906. He was in the football team, as three-quarter, of 1907-08, and in the following season was elected captain, leading his team to victory in many hard-fought fields, in the most successful season the school has had. He was also for two years captain of the cricket eleven. When the cadet corps was reorganized in February, 1908, he was a sergeant under Capt. Macdowall; promoted to Lieutenant 8th June, 1908, and when Macdowall left he got his captaincy, 10th September, 1908. He commanded the company for a year, and helped greatly to keep them keen and smart. He was quite a good shot, winning a badge for the best score of the team in the C. R. L. match last June. During the sports last term he distinguished himself as a runner, winning two prizes at the Inter-Schools Sports, and five of the chief events, and the challenge cup at our own Sports, including a broad jump of 19 feet 2 inches. All his last year he was in the senior form of the school, working hard for his McGill Entrance. We wish him success wherever he goes.

R. Bell-Irving was only seven when he entered the Queen's School, and five years later had worked his way up to the fourth form. He then joined the University School in 1906, and was Head-Boy at Christmas, 1908. As he intends to take up engineering, he remained at the school until last June. He was a hard-working and useful member of the football team in 1907-08-09, and as Corporal in the Cadet Corps won the Lieut.-Governor's Prize for proficiency this year. He was the first Editor of this magazine. We shall always be glad to hear from our friend Robin.

M. Bell-Irving was at the Queen's School, further back than the memory of anybody here can reach. After about four years there, he went to Loretto School in Scotland, and on his return came with three brothers to the University School in 1908. He distinguished himself in many ways; he was a good and stylish bat; as forward on the football team he followed up with remarkable vigour; in the Cadet Corps he frequently earned praise for the handling of his section; at

the inspection he won the gold cross-guns for the best shot in the company, while on the track no one in the school could come near him in events over a quarter-mile. He takes with him from school the esteem of many friends, and a character worth much fine gold.

D. Shildrick is another old Q. S. boy, his connection with us dating back to 1904. He won a very creditable number of school prizes during this time, and would have been in the Fifth if he had stayed on. He played wing three-quarters on the football team, and his fleetness won us many a try. He was first corporal and then sergeant in the cadet corps. We shall all miss our cheerful "Mull."

THIRTY YEARS AFTER

One summer afternoon in the year 1939, when business brought me back to the fair city of Victoria, I felt that I could not go away without paying a visit to my old school, and reviving some pleasant memories of thirty years ago. I soon caught sight of a street car marked "Uplands and Mount Tolmie," and in a few minutes was put down at my destination.

All along the road I had noticed numbers of fine residences, and particularly a large and handsome house near where Goodacre's barns used to stand. Little I guessed what other surprises were in store for me. At first I hardly knew where I was. Tall and handsome wrought-iron gates, with the school monogram interlaced in gilded letters, were opened for me by a porter, whose cosy lodge stood just within the neat fence. But when I passed the bend of the drive, then indeed I rubbed my eyes. Shrubs and gay flowers bordered the roadway, but of these I took little notice. On my right, behind the porter's lodge, was a building which I took to be the Infirmary, while further on a tall fence enclosed what was evidently an open-air swimming-tank. I gazed around me in bewilderment. Gone was the little pump-house on the edge of the cricket-ground; gone too was the wooden gymnasium; but in place of the latter stood a fine brick building, lighted by lofty windows, below which I saw a row of concrete fives-courts.

The whole place seemed to be alive with boys, all busily engaged. At least two full companies were drilling on the parade-ground, clad in smart khaki serge, doing the march-past with fixed bayonets, while a band discoursed stirring music under the big oak-tree. But at the same time I saw that there were two cricket-matches in progress on the old grounds, while the field which used to be Goodacre's sheep pasture was swarming with boys at net-practice. Moreover,

from the inside of the new gym came the unmistakeable "crack-crack" of Lee-Enfields at gallery practice.

When I had taken in these surprising signs of progress, I glanced again at the old familiar building. Still more changes met my eye. The roof was slated, and numerous dormer windows altered it almost beyond recognition. Behind it were some masses of building that puzzled me, so I determined to go in, and hear all about it. In my eagerness I walked right in without ringing, but as everyone seemed to be out of doors, I pursued my investigations for a time on my own account. There was the same old corridor, but the floor was covered with thick linoleum, and the walls panelled all round about four feet up. Where the telephone used to stand, an open archway showed a long passage, which I at once explored, finding several masters' rooms, and four large dormitories. This wing was shaped like a letter T, the cross-piece being where the old dining-room used to stand. Wondering what could be below, I went down to the bottom corridor, where I had answered my name to many a roll-call. Presently I saw that where we used to enter the changing-room were two double glass doors, which were locked.

Fortunately, just at this moment up came a "friend in need," who proved to be the Bursar. On hearing my name he was most cordial, and at once proceeded to show me round. Unlocking the glass doors, he said: "Here we have the Assembly Hall, which was built in 1915, when we only had about 200 boys, and now we begin to find it rather small. You see the platform at the far end; that is where we have our prize-givings and concerts, besides debates, lectures and other meetings. One of those doors leads to the Dining-Hall, the other to a staircase going up to junior dormitories. On the walls of the Hall you will recognize the old Honour-boards dating back to your own day, and on this side is the first of the shields—with your name as football captain." I gazed on the familiar names, and memories crowded thick upon me till I almost could think I was a boy once more. Strangely enough, while I remembered all the names, I could only recall a few of the faces of those who had been on the same team as myself, so fleeting is memory over a space of thirty years!

I looked at the shields which followed that of my own year. At first I recognized many names—Wyld, Creery, Bell-Irving, Trorey, Matson—"Why!" I said, "Matson as football captain! He was only just about so high in my time!" "Well, I hardly remember so far back as that," said my friend, "but I believe that he came to see us about six years ago. I saw a photograph of him in an old 'Black and Red,' and a big strapping fellow he looked." There were many other names I

knew, on the oak shields, and glittering on the Honour-boards, but after about 1917 they were all strange. Here and there, however, an old name cropped up again after a long interval. One was "Allan Bell-Irving, cricket captain, season of 1937." "Who was he?" I asked. "Oh!" said the Bursar, "his father must have been the one you are thinking of; his name was Malcolm; it is on the first of the honour-boards in 1909; he sent all his sons here." "Why, that must have been the red-headed captain I saw on the drill-ground with his company; here, give him this five-dollar bill from me, and tell him I was at school with his daddy." The Bursar took the bill with a smile. "Well, now," I went on, still eager for information, "tell me how many boys you have here now." "Between three and four hundred," was the amazing reply. "But where do you put them?" I cried. "In my time we could not take in very many more than one hundred boarders." "The wing over the Assembly Hall and Dining Hall holds over eighty, and the Warden's house sixty or more; that is the building you see over by the cricket-nets; it was built about eighteen years ago, and has been enlarged lately. The Gym is quite new; it was given to us in 1932 by Sir Stewart McGuigan, the great engineer, and Chief Justice Mackay, both of them old boys of the school."

"Are any of the old masters alive still?" Oh, dear, yes," said the Bursar, laughing; "Mr. Bolton is a wonderful old man, but we do not see so much of him now, though he used to visit the school quite often up to four years ago. Mr. Barnacle has a fine house near the golf-links; two of his sons were at the school when I first came; one of them is amateur champion golfer of Canada. Old Mr. Harvey lives in the Warden's house; he is quite bald, but still active, and always comes over for any big match; he is in great form when the D. O. C., Colonel Macdowall, comes out for the annual inspection. We have four companies now, by the way—a whole battalion, in fact; that red-headed Bell-Irving you saw is the Major, not a captain at all. We have had some very fine manoeuvres, and go into camp with the Fifth Regiment every summer. Last year we defeated them very severely near Cedar Hill." "Have you still those old colours we used to strive for so hard?" "Oh, yes; we won them outright, and they hang in the ante-chapel; but now we compete for a set presented by Major-General Mathews, Inspector-General of Canada, for the best cadet-battalion in the Dominion; we have won them twice in five years."

"What about football and cricket?" I asked; what schools do you play?" "Well, there is a school at Nanaimo with about sixty boys, and two or three in Vancouver; none so large as

this, of course, but quite good enough to play our second and third teams; our first teams play all the city clubs, and often beat them, too, I can tell you. Then we have what we call group matches, besides matches between School-house and the Warden's, and inter-company games." "What are group-matches?" I inquired, getting quite interested. "We divide the boarders into groups, according to their birth-places. The Vancouvers have two teams always, and are generally champions, but this year the Winnipegs are unusually strong. Then there are the Islanders, the Deltas, the Kootenays and the Okanagans, as well as the Outlanders, which means all those born outside Canada."

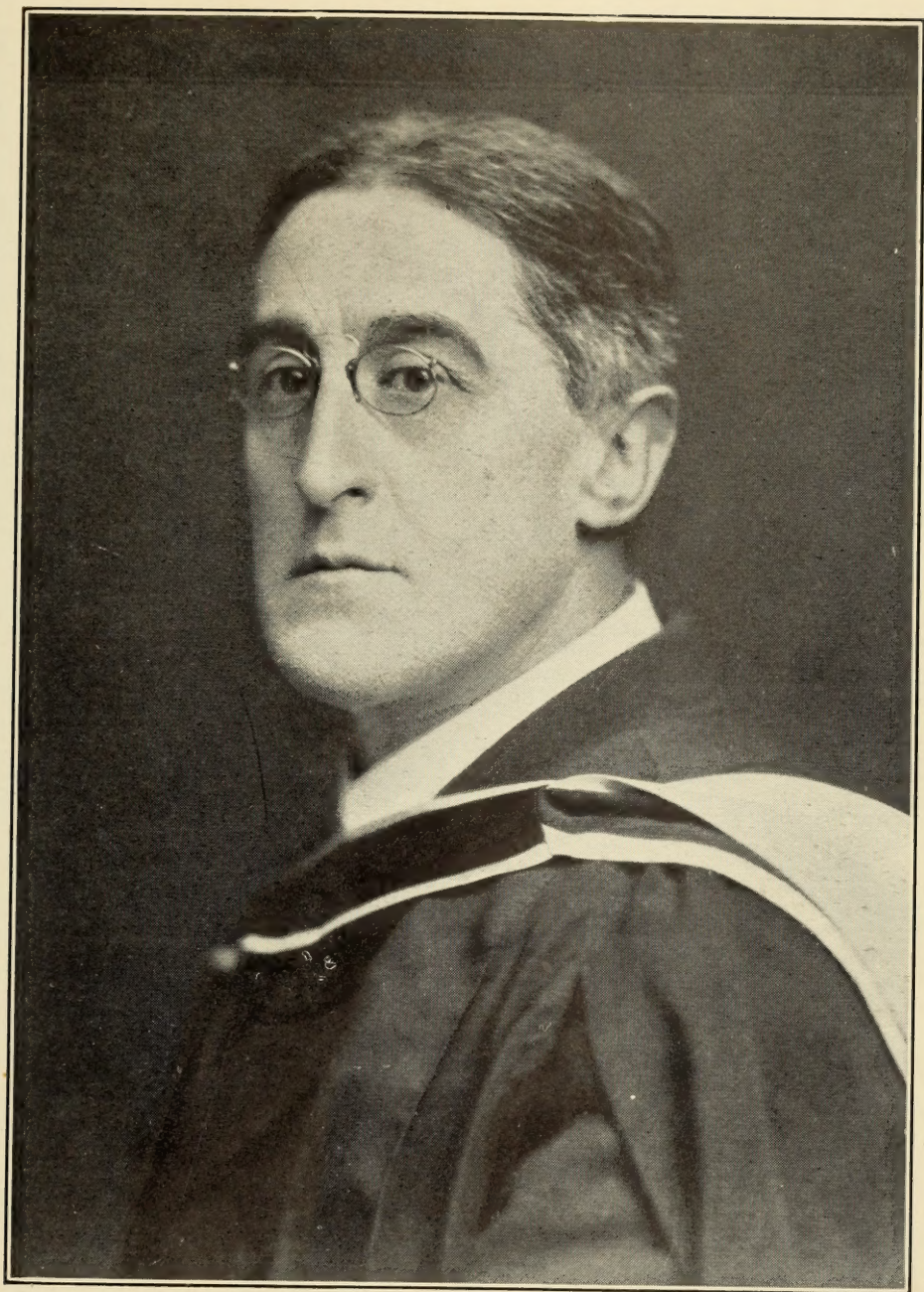
"Look here," I said, "you spoke just now of an ante-chapel; where is it?"

"Didn't you notice the chapel? Just come this way"; and he led me out through the dining-hall. There, beyond where the big flag-pole used to stand, was one of the finest little school chapels I have seen, all of stone, in pure Gothic style. "It was consecrated in 1919, said the Bursar, "having been built on the site of the first chapel, a small structure put up about 1913. The land was given to the school by the owners, and a fund was raised, chiefly among the Old Boys, with the result that you see. Service is held daily, with a surpliced choir, and twice on Sunday. Many people come out from town to the evening service; our anthems are getting quite famous."

He then gave me some tea, and introduced me to some of the masters. One of them took me upstairs to the top floor, where I found music-rooms, sewing-rooms, photographic dark-rooms, and all sorts of conveniences. In the tower the tank had vanished, and in its place was a big astronomical telescope. "Hello," said I, "where is your water-supply?" He laughed in a puzzled way, and I found that the school had had city water for so long that he did not even know that there had ever been a well on the school grounds.

Soon I had to tear myself away, after a hasty look into the fine gym, where a few boys were cleaning rifles, and comparing notes on the day's shooting, while two of the bigger ones were engaged in a hot fencing bout, and displaying considerable skill before a critical crowd of supporters, evidently from two rival houses.

I came down the hill with a huge crowd of cheerful day-boys, and told them tales of the old times.



THE WARDEN

